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by Robert N. Taylor

### Appeals court rejects scholarships for blacks

The president of the University of Maryland pledged last week to fight "all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court" to continue a popular scholarship program for black students. His comments came in the wake of a federal appeals court ruling which, in effect, declared that scholarship funds set aside just for black students were unconstitutional. The case was brought by a Hispanic student who applied for the popular Benjamin Banneker academic scholarship but was rejected even though he had the third highest test scores. Through a spokesman, University of Maryland President William Kirwan said, "If the ruling is allowed to stand, it would effectively dismantle one of our most effective tools for aiding and recruiting African-American students." The university has 90 days to appeal to the Supreme Court. If it loses, similar scholarship programs for minorities in colleges nationwide will be in jeopardy.

BALTIMORE, MD.

### More mortgages for minorities but bias continues

A federal agency reported last week that efforts to end mortgage loan discrimination against minorities appear to be producing positive results. According to the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, conventional mortgage loans to blacks rose by 36 percent last year. The increase for Hispanics was 25 percent. The improvement results from more financial institutions providing home-loan programs for low and moderate income households. However, the report found that the mortgage rejection rate is still much higher for blacks and Hispanics than for whites and Asians. The denial rate for conventional loans is 14.6 percent for Asians, 15.3 percent for whites, 25.1 percent for Hispanics and 34 percent for African Americans.

WASHINGTON, DC

### Black female college graduates out-earning black males

An analysis of Census Bureau data by researchers at Queens College in New York has found that among recent college graduates black females are earning more than black males. College graduates 25 years old and younger were studied and the findings showed the median income for white males was \$18,000 a year. Black females came in second with a median income of \$17,000. They were followed by white females at \$16,800 and black males at \$16,400. Some experts believe the

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## Don't be intimidated get out and vote

WASHINGTON, DC—Right now, dozens of races across the country are so close that minority voters can make the difference between winning and losing—even when they comprise only a small part of the electorate. The reason, of course, is that these voters tend to be heavily Democratic, often voting alike, and thus their votes have a greater effect.

Republicans know this. In every region of this nation, they have engaged in intimidation tactics aimed at keeping minority voters away from the polls. In too many states and on too many occasions, we were not ready for them.

• We were not ready for them in New Jersey in 1982 when the Republican National Committee was required to sign a consent order to refrain from "ballot security" practices.

• We were not ready for them again in New Jersey in 1986 when the Democratic National Committee again had to go to court alleging a violation of the earlier 1982 agreement and charging the RNC with seeking to expand its tactics of challenging black voters in states like Georgia, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Indiana. The suit was settled only after the RNC agreed that any future "ballot security" program would first have to be screened by a court.

• We were not ready in 1986 when the Tennessee Democratic party had to file suit to stop a GOP program to discourage elderly, rural, and African American citizens from voting.

• We were not ready in 1988 when Orange County GOP officials hired security guards dressed as police officers to intimidate Hispanic voters in a close State Assembly contest.

• We were not ready in 1990 when the North Carolina GOP sent mailings exclusively to

African-Americans with false information about voting residency requirements and false claims about criminal action that should ensue.

• We were not ready in 1993 when the Department of Justice sued the National GOP and Senator Jesse Helms, charging that a voter intimidation effort violated both the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. The GOP settled by agreeing to accept a bar on engaging in ballot security programs that specifically target racial minorities.

My friends, we were not ready in 1982, in 1986, in 1988, in 1990, in 1993. This time, we intend to be ready.

The Minority Voter Information Hotline is an open and legitimate way to monitor elections and discourage infractions of the Constitutional right to vote. It is, in fact, the least that people of color can do, given all that they have to lose.

Those who seek to intimidate voters, especially poorly educated voters, do so because they recognize the power of the minority voter. The minority voter may lack money, status, prestige—but she does have the ballot. And Republicans who fear the collective might of minority voters are right to fear it. Lacking the luxury of different avenues through which to disperse their votes, minority voters often vote not as the separate fingers of a hand but together, with the effect of a fist.

This year, there may be attempts to capitalize on what some see as lower energy among minority voters. The sad truth is that using underhanded tricks to suppress the minority vote is the only way some candidates can win. We have a couple of tricks of our own, though, and they are open and aboveboard: encouraging a huge turnout and acting preventively through the Minority Voter Information Hotline to legitimately intimidate those who would intimidate us.

## Community supports police action on raid

by Paul Joseph

Local community businesses and private citizens support last month's midnight raid of a popular Elizabeth Avenue White Castle parking lot frequented by teenagers.

Last Tuesday, in a meeting with the City Council to address rumors that the police unjustly attacked the young Newark Mayor Sharpe James and Police Director William Celestier brought along several letters from the community praising the actions taken by the police. The mayor said his office as well as the police director and the prosecutor's office received hundreds of correspondence pledging support.

In one letter to the mayor, a concerned citizen expressed frustration with the gathering of teenagers on the lot specifically on Wednesdays after the closing of Skate 22, a nearby roller skating rink in Union frequented by alleged drug dealers and car thieves.

"We live in this area, and we are held hostage in our homes and are not safe driving home from work," a concerned citizen wrote, adding, "the police did an excellent job in taking back the streets of Elizabeth Avenue and making the community safer for all of us."

The police also received praise from local businesses including the fast-food restaurant where the incident occurred.

Harry M. Jensen, assistant area manager of White Castle System, Inc., thanked the mayor and the police and vowed to cooperate with the law enforcers in the future.

"We sincerely hope that your efforts result in keeping teenagers off the streets and in their homes," he said in the letter.

Carlos Soria, president of New Jersey Express, located near the restaurant, said his company almost went out of business this past year due to "constant mob gatherings, and break-ins into our trucks and business."

"The recent raid was by yourself, the city council and all agencies involved seem to

have resolved the problem," Soria wrote to the mayor. "I hope the efforts of the agencies continue."

The other businesses endorsing the police action included Newark International Limousine Inc., on Johnson Ave., Dennis Public Garage, Fried Chicken Restaurant, Fercho Transport Inc., all located on Elizabeth Ave.

Fernando Alzate, president/owner of Fercho Transport Inc., said in his letter that he was contemplating taking his business out of Newark because of constant burglary. "However, since the police have moved in, and aboveboard, encouraging a huge turnout and acting preventively through the Minority Voter Information Hotline to legitimately intimidate those who would intimidate us."

Early in the morning of October 6, about 130 police officers from nine law enforcement agencies moved in on the lot, made seven arrests and confiscated four guns after searching more than 600 individuals.

The raid was ordered following several months of police investigations on alleged illegal activities taking place at the popular spot.

According to Celestier, the police had received many complaints from local businesses and private citizens in the area who were concerned about the congregation of approximately 1,000 young people on the lot, specifically on Wednesdays after the closing of Skate 22.

Celestier said the aim was to nab the "big time" drug dealers, car thieves and to stop the gun sales which were taking place in the area. The police action drew criticism from some camps.

Raz Baraka, 25, a Newark elementary school teacher who had made an unsuccessful bid for the mayor's seat this year, told local papers that "the searching, harassment and arrests were unwarranted and were a violation of our civil rights as human beings. It is an attempt to criminalize the youth under the guise of stopping crime." Baraka said.

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Dog attacks a young man during a demonstration in Birmingham, Alabama, May 1963. This was only one of the many tactics used to suppress African-Americans' right to vote. Photo: Wide World.

## NAACP sponsors voter hotline

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has joined a broad array of voting rights and civil rights organizations to announce special measures to promote a major turnout of African-American voters in the upcoming elections.

The organization has also created a voter information hotline to monitor Election Day operations to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

The coalition has asked the NAACP Washington Bureau, which handles legislative affairs and grassroots advocacy for the organization, to set up a national toll-free number to receive complaints of attempts to reduce voter turnout in minority communities on Election Day. The hotline number is 1-800-755-VOTE.

The Association has been informed that there have been calculated efforts in recent elections to dilute and suppress the voting strength of minorities in close elections. Earl Shuttlesworth, former U.S. Administrator of the NAACP, emphasized that the NAACP will take all necessary steps to actively pursue voter legitimate complaint of voter intimidation.

The national hotline will run November 1 to 15, and will be staffed with the assistance of volunteers, including law students and Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Legislative Fellows. Complaints received will be reviewed by a committee of lawyers, including experienced voting rights experts from the NAACP, the NAACP-LDF, and the Lawyers Committee on Civil Rights Under Law.

## Sharpton addresses poor leadership in Essex County

by Paul Joseph

Social and political activist Reverend Al Sharpton joined the United Clergy of the Oranges and the Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry in a special conference at Newark's Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church last weekend to address the problems of leadership in the black community.

Sharpton served as keynote speaker of the two-day community conference with the theme "From the Grassroots: Developing Leadership and Fellowship for the African-American Community."

In his address, Sharpton brought the crowd to its feet as he discussed the need for black leaders to return to their grassroots community bases in order to strengthen them-

selves and the community. He said lack of communication between African-American leaders and their followers is one of the major causes of problems in the community.

"When the grassroots are cut off, it is easy to take [off] the top because the top is not connected to anything," said Sharpton, adding, "if you are solid and grounded then you can survive."

Sharpton urged leaders to stop "selling themselves for a few choicewords" and get their hands dirty in the work needed to empower the community. He urged leaders to get back into the streets and organize.

The Rev. said in the past four decades African Americans have steered away from the values which make them great.

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## Joshua I. Smith to keynote Braintrust networking event



Joshua I. Smith, CEO and founder of the Maxima Corporation.

NEW BRUNSWICK—It'll be an evening you won't want to miss, when the New Jersey United Minority Business Brain Trust presents a night of networking and entertainment on Thursday, December 8 at Crossroads.

Keynote speaker for the evening will be one of the country's leading African-American entrepreneurs, Joshua I. Smith founder, chairman and CEO of MAXIMA Corporation.

The evening will begin with a reception, from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., providing networking opportunities with elected officials, entrepreneurs, actors, actresses and a host of celebrities. Following the reception, Smith will share his business expertise.

Headquartered in Maryland, MAXIMA specializes in records management and system integration and serves private sector as well as federal, state and local government clients.

Smith founded his company with less than \$10,000 in 1978 and developed it into a

multi million dollar corporation, that grossed \$45 million in 1993, employs over 800 employees and has offices in 14 states.

Smith's list of accomplishments is very impressive. He was appointed as chairman of the U.S. Commission on Minority Business Development by former President George Bush. In 1990, he was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations.

He and his firm have been honored by many federal agencies, including the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Interior, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Communications Commission, as well as the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The evening will end with a performance, of Harlem Nocturne, created by and starring Andre DeShields (The Wiz, Ain't Nothin' but the Good Life). Seating is limited so early registration is required. For ticket reservations call Wanda at 908 757-5151.

## Community Calendar

### ONGOING...

**EAST ORANGE**—The East Orange YMCA is conducting Adult Swim Lessons on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call 201-675-5586.

### NOVEMBER 9

**JERSEY CITY**—Johnny Moses will present "Native American Northwest Washington Series" at Jersey City State College from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In the Grossnickle Auditorium. For more info call 201-200-3393.

**MONTCLAIR**—Montclair State University will host "Consumer Savvy: Finding Great Travel Deals" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the First Methodist Church at 24 No. Fullerton Avenue. For more info call 201-655-4353.

### NOVEMBER 17

**MANHATTAN**—Columbia University is having an exhibition of "The Art of Soho Habitation: Photographs of Mutual Aid in Soho" in Southern Africa from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more info call 212-554-7288.

### DEC. 1 AND JAN. 5

**JERSEY CITY**—Hudson County Community College is offering a one-day class from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. "The GED Practice Test," students are able to take practice GED exams to see if they are ready for the actual exam. For more info call 201-714-2107.

### NOVEMBER 1-JANUARY 23

**MANHATTAN**—The Museum of the City of New York is featuring a special exhibition entitled "A New York Holiday" Admission is free. For more info call 212-534-1672.

### NOVEMBER 10

**JERSEY CITY**—Master drummer/percussionist, composer, teacher and defender of Afro-Latin musical traditions Bobby Sanabria will speak on "The African Influence on Latin Music" in room 202, Hayburn Hall at Jersey City State College. Show time is at 12 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3253.

**UNION**—The screening, "A Place for Us," a story of shady rent and America's biggest professional will appear at Kean College in room 1000 of Hutchinson Hall at 8 p.m. For more info call Kean College.

**PLAINFIELD**—The Plainfield YWCA Women's Center and the Parent Resource Center will co-sponsor a Job Fair at the YWCA from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call 908-756-5000, ext. 2366.

**VERONA**—The Metro district of the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance (NJARA) is looking for active volunteers in Essex, Hudson and Union counties. All interested persons are invited to attend an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Verona Public Library. Admission is free. For more info call 201-403-6829.

**SUMMIT**—The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts is offering a bus trip to New York City to visit museums, galleries, etc. For more info call 908-273-9121.

**NEWARK**—The United Community Corporation (UCC) and the Newark Public Library in collaboration with Penn Federal Savings Bank will be hosting "A First Time Home Buyers Seminar" in the Newark Public Library Auditorium from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info call 201-642-0181.

### NOVEMBER 10 AND 17

**SUMMIT**—There will be a workshop on "Sculpture Casting-Portraits." Gerald Scialiano shows you how to make a unique keepsake of or for your family and friends in living 3-D from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. For more info call 908-273-9121.

### NOVEMBER 10-MARCH 5

**MANHATTAN**—Black Male: Representations of Masculinity in Contemporary American Art will be appearing at the Whitney Museum of American Art. For info on times of showing, call 212-570-3633.

### NOVEMBER 11-12

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**WOODBURGH**—Les Brown, nationally known motivational speaker and trainer, will be the featured speaker at the opening session of "I Am Academy's Great Escape Retreat" on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton Inn. For more info call 908-603-7778.

**NOVEMBER 11 THRU JANUARY 6**  
**SUMMIT**—There will be an exhibition of "Paintings from New Jersey Collections" at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. For more info call 908-273-9121.

**NOVEMBER 11-12**  
**EAST ORANGE**—The Empowerment Committee presents "Education: Torchlight for Civilization" Empowerment Conference from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 201-399-0056 or 201-675-1270.

**NOVEMBER 12**  
**JERSEY CITY**—The Board of Christian Education of Claretian-Lafayette Presbyterian Church presents the "Rockaway Review" variety show from Queens, NY at Ferns High School, 35 Colgate Street. Showtime is at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-434-2610, 433-2043, 323-2551 or 6252.

**SUMMIT**—There will be a workshop with Fran Wilner and Lois Shapiro entitled "Off the Wall and On the Floor. Rediscovering the lost American art of painted furniture from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. For more info call 908-273-9121.

**NOVEMBER 12-13**  
**JERSEY CITY**—Jersey City State College will offer two November courses for persons seeking certification as alcoholism and/or drug abuse counselors in the state of New Jersey. To register or for further info call 201-200-3089.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**  
**MONTCLAIR**—Nicholas Rodriguez & Dance Compass, the distinguished Montclair, NJ based modern dance company, announces its Fall 10th Anniversary New Jersey Tour. For scheduled times and places of show, call 201-746-6427.

**NOVEMBER-JANUARY 19**  
**JERSEY CITY**—Hudson County Community College's Continuing Education Department is offering several computer classes this fall. For more info call 201-714-2107.

**NOVEMBER-18-20**  
**MONTCLAIR**—Montclair State University will host a "Foreign Language Immersion Program" at the Center for Continuing Education. For times and other info call 201-655-4353.

**NOVEMBER 12 AND 13**  
**ELIZABETH**—Union County College will host an in-service training program for Union County firefighters seeking higher administrative positions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the College's Elizabeth Campus. For more info call 908-708-7603 or 908-820-2829.

**NOVEMBER 14, 15, 16**  
**JERSEY CITY**—The Hagan Africana Studies Center of Jersey City State College will present four programs as part of the fall luncheon and video discussion series, "The Best of 'Like It Is' from Gil Noble's Archives." The programs will be from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Irwin Library on JSC's campus. For more info call 201-200-3426.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
**JERSEY CITY**—The Afro-American Historical Society Museum will open its exhibition, "Blacks on the Railroad 1920-1980" at 3 p.m. at the Museum. For more info call 201-547-5262.

**NEWARK**—The Black Alumnae Network of Douglass College is hosting its Annual Fund-Raising Holiday Shopping Bazaar at the exciting new store, In Chokan, the African Department Store located at 842 Broad Street in the downtown business district. For more info call 201-648-0849 or 201-923-2505.

**NOVEMBER 14**  
**JERSEY CITY**—Jersey City State College will hold a "Fall Blood Drive" from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Michael Gilligan Student Union Building, room 311. Donors must bring ID. For more info call 201-200-3456.

## Congressman Payne commended for support of LIHEAP



Congressman Donald Payne

Congressman Donald M. Payne (D- Essex/Union) was recently commended by The Campaign to Keep America Warm, for his efforts in providing adequate funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for this fiscal year. LIHEAP provides energy assistance grants to needy families and individuals in all 50 states to help them maintain basic utility services. The program provided assistance to more than 5.2 million households last year.

New Jersey received \$54,949,683 in LIHEAP assistance last year and will receive \$50,437,215 this year.

## Desmond honored for outstanding services

Veronica Desmond of Linden, was recently honored for outstanding services rendered as past chairman and member of the Criminal Justice Review Board in the Union County Prosecutor's Office. During her tenure, she coordinated the October 1993 Conference on Street Violence as an introduction to addressing gang activity in the county. Desmond will now join the Corporate Board of the Boys and Girls Club of Union County, addressing gang activity and street violence.



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## Delta Sigma Theta supports business initiative



Montclair's chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority provided a Community UJAAMAFEST to help raise the awareness of family unity and health services available in the Montclair area. The program was a continuing part of the Delta Sigma Theta's Minority Business Initiative. Members of the sorority are (l to r) Kathy Hawkins, vendor coordinator; Michelle Christopher, chairperson; Marilyn Bunny Rice, vendor for Afrocentrics; Joyce Harrier, chapter president and Deanna James, co-chair.

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come gap is if part due to a tendency of many firms, when forced to meet affirmative action requirements, preferring to hire black females instead of black males. —NEW YORK, NY

## Hispanic households growing faster than blacks & whites

The number of households in America headed by Hispanics is growing much faster than those headed by either blacks or whites. According to a new Census Bureau report, between March 1993 and March 1994, the number of Hispanic households grew by 11.1 percent while households headed by blacks and whites grew less than one percent. The report also revealed that most white (82 percent) and Hispanic (86 percent) families consist of a married couple. But nearly half of all black families are headed by single women. Such families tend to be much poorer than traditional families.

—WASHINGTON, DC

## Pearl Primus dead at age 74

One of this nation's pioneering black dancers and choreographers died last week at her home in New Rochelle, New York. She was a powerful performer and played a role similar to that of Katherine Dunham in establishing dance by and about blacks as a leading component of American culture. Primus was a native of Trinidad. She is survived by a son. —NEW ROCHELLE, NY

## Black investors set to take over \$1.6 billion bank

An African American-led group headed by Glen Sergeant, a former Citibank managing director, is about to pull off one of the major big-money deals of the decade. The group has won unofficial approval from the Resolution Trust Corp. to take over the failed New Jersey-based Carteret Savings Bank. The bank has 30 branches in New Jersey and nine in Florida.

WASHINGTON, DC

## Aunt Jemima's selling us more than pancakes

William O'Barr, a professor of cultural anthropology at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, says that Juan Valdez, the Frito Bandito and Aunt Jemima—cultural icons developed by advertisers to sell products—also promote degrading stereotypical images that harm our society. O'Barr argues that in the process of promoting products advertisers depict images with little regard for the additional messages they contain—messages about our society and our families, and how we view others, as well as what to buy. "Advertisements present a limited view of the ideal," O'Barr says. "The messages are that you should eat this food and look the way these models look. When people find they can't meet those standards, it can lead to serious problems," said the author of *Culture and the Ad: Exploring Otherness in the World of Advertising*. "Advertisers didn't change their images of African Americans until the civil rights period when African Americans could get better jobs and had more money. Then, whether or not they would be offended by advertising became relevant," O'Barr said. —WASHINGTON, DC

## The economics of crime in black America

According to the Census Bureau, crime costs American society \$425 billion each year. Crime is especially an American legacy for African Americans. Some 14 million serious crimes were reported to the police last year, and a disproportionate number of these crimes occurred in urban, and mostly black, areas. Blacks make up 12 percent of the population, but are almost half the country's prison admissions. —WASHINGTON, DC

## Coping

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a stranger who has a friendly smile on his (her) face. After meeting such a person, your whole body feels good. You feel as if you had just climbed the highest mountain. If an attractive lady smiles at you, you aggressively pursue her. If an attractive lady looks at you with a frown on her face, or without any expression at all, you say to yourself, "It is obvious that she has a bad personality. I know that if I say hello to her, she will completely ignore me. So I am not going to say

anything at all to her. I didn't like her anyway."

Most other people respond to you the same way that you respond to them. If you have a pleasant, warm, receptive expression on your face, most people, men and women, will eagerly befriend you. Obviously, not everyone will react in this manner, but the great majority of people will. Do not let rejections influence your behavior. Put rejections completely out of your mind and assertively pursue the people

you want in your life.

Some people have a natural pleasant expression on their face, even when they are upset. They probably make friends easily. Other people have a natural frown on their face even when they are happy. They probably don't have a lot of friends. The facial expression and other behaviors are everything. Practice in front of a mirror. Even if you are frustrated and unhappy, fake it by acting confident and happy. You'll have a lot of new friends.

## Community supports

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Rap stars Vinnie Brown of Naughty by Nature, and Dupre "Do-It-Air" Kelly of the Lords of the Underground were also on hand to condemn the police's actions. During last Tuesday's council meeting, Mayor James told the gathering that the police should be commended for their brave actions and not attacked by city leaders.

"I am here to support the police," the mayor said, "they deserve our thanks and praises for their brave efforts."

In response to Baraka, the mayor said he believes that everyone has the right to go to the white Castle. However, he said, "you do not have the right to go there to sell drugs, carry uzies, nine millimeter weapons and hand guns, and do doughnuts" on the streets.

"This mayor says not," James stated, adding, "should children, 13, 14 and 15-years-old be at the White Castle on a Wednesday night at 2, 4, and 5 a.m. in the morning?"

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## Some Meetings Are Just Too Important To Miss.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### The power is in your hands

Once again, it's that time of year when the power lies in the hands of the people as they step into the voting booth and pull that metal switch. Although, the percentage of voters has risen in the African-American and Latino communities, there is still an overwhelming percentage of people in these communities who do not vote. There still is the group who feels that their vote won't make a difference. The group who after the elections complain that the "rich get richer while the poor get poorer."

Now is not the time for complacency. Now is the time to act. Make your voting decisions based on the candidates platforms and agenda for your city, county state and country.

Go to the polls and vote. But don't let that be the end. Your vote is only the beginning. Stay involved. Remember the campaign promises. Remember what the candidates said about economic development and how they planned to balance the budget. Remind them of these promises and hold them accountable. Remember, the power is in your hands.

## Stomp out hate

Dear Editor:

The Stamp Out Hate Coalition, comprised of 24 different ethnic, religious and racial groups and committed to combating prejudice through educational and public awareness programming, commends the Black Ministers' Council for its recent role in denouncing hate on talk radio programs.

Hated in the form of prejudicial and racial remarks against different groups on the airwaves should not be tolerated by a nation which thrives on diversity. It is incumbent upon community leaders and groups to actively monitor radio stations and condemn talk show hosts who demean different racial and ethnic groups.

The Stamp Out Hate Coalition is committed to combating prejudice of all kinds. We welcome the opportunity to work with other organizations dedicated to combating bigotry and promoting tolerance and respect among all groups in our society.

Martin Barber  
Chair, Stamp Out Hate Coalition

## National state of the race conference

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrell

One of the most important conferences convened in recent years will take place in Baltimore, Maryland Nov. 17-20, 1994. Under the leadership of longtime movement activist and organizer, Ron Daniels, the National State of the Race Conference will take place at a very critical period for people of African ancestry in this country.

As the conference organizers have indicated, "The National State of the Race Conference (SORC) promises to be one of the most significant conferences of our time—a grassroots unity conference consistent with the spirit of the National African American Leadership Summit—where hundreds of concerned Africans in America will gather to address the state of emergency affecting the masses of our people in America and the world."

The National State of the Race Conference, spearheaded by Ron Daniels, is co-sponsored by the National Malcolm X Commemoration Commission, the National Black United Fund, Campaign For A New Tomorrow and the African American Institute For Research and Empowerment.

Also, the conference is being co-sponsored by the National Black United Front (NBUF), the National

Conference of Black Lawyers, the National Association of Black Social Workers, the African Heritage Studies Association, and the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America.

In the tradition of the historic gatherings of the Black Power Conference of the late 1960's, the Congress of African Peoples meetings in the early 1970's and the National Black Political Convention held in Gary, Indiana in March of 1972, the National State of the Race Conference seeks to draw on the spirit of our ancestors to continue to organize for the liberation of African people in this country and throughout the world.

The awesome, and growing, prison statistics of African people in America should send an action alert to all people of African ancestry in this country in terms of the State of the Race.

For example, Bennie Cunningham is an inmate at the Stateville Maximum Security Branch of the Illinois State Prison System. He is currently sentenced to 80 years and is appealing his case. Brother Bennie wrote the following in his column "From The Inside," that appears in Truth's Advocate Newspaper.

Brother Bennie reveals that "African people, for economic and political reasons, are the majority of prisoners in prisons and county jails

by Connie Woodruff

Cardell Cooper deserves to be elected Essex County Executive. Not because he's an African American, but because he has the best qualifications for the job and has fought so hard for it that we don't believe he will let anything turn him around.

The same holds true for his Democratic running mates, Armando Fontoura, seeking a second term as sheriff and Carole Graves, the Newark Teachers Union president and candidate for county register.

Mayor Cooper has been climbing up the rough side of the mountain since last spring's primary election, and his court challenges to break an unprecedented tie between him and county Democratic chairman Tom Giblin.

When the November 8 election kicked off last September, Cardell Cooper was the underdog. His Republican opponent for Essex County executive had a comfortable lead while the Democratic Party was divided between Giblin and Cooper supporters.

The threat of a possible Republican takeover of county government

brought Giblin, Cooper and their respective camps together and the mayor's superb political skills slowly but surely turned the tide in his favor.

With endorsements from many of the states' revered divi statesmen like former Gov. Brendan Byrne and Congressman Peter Rodino, a dozen labor unions and others, Cooper moved to the front of the pack.

Never once did he yield to the temptation of playing the race card. No matter how severe the attack by erstwhile friends and natural political foes, Mayor Cooper was never heard to complain or to whine about being picked on because he is black and his opponent was white.

As ex-governor Byrne noted in his endorsement, "Cardell Cooper clearly is at the top of the class of young, reform-minded Democrats who are now seeking election to state, county and local offices this year. He is a dedicated administrator who has become a fresh voice of independence and an instrument of change in Essex County Democratic circles."

Cardell Cooper is not alone in believing "this is the strongest cam-

paigned ever in Essex County." As of the time I submitted this column for publication, Newark Mayor Sharpe James had endorsed U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg for re-election but did not include endorsements for either Congressman Donald Payne or Mayor Cardell Cooper.

Newark East Ward councilman Hank Martinez endorsed Republican county executive candidate Trefreffer and Democrat Fontoura and Graves for sheriff and county register.

This is definitely the year-of-the-crossover in Essex County by Republicans as well as Democrats.

But the elected official catching the most hell for deserting his party's candidate is Newark Assemblyman Willie Brown, who is also the South Ward Democratic chairman and chief of staff in the county executive's office.

Brown has been glued to the side of Chuck Haytaian, GOP candidate for U.S. Senate. Brown has worked with Haytaian, the Assembly Speaker and expects to continue working with him after the November 8 election. Problem is, Haytaian is rumored to be considering dropping out of politics. So where will Mr. Brown go from there?

If Willie Brown wanted to know how his fellow Democrats felt about his defection, particularly since he is a biggie in the party ranks, he found out the night of the Essex Democratic rally for Lautenberg, Cooper and others.

When Willie was introduced as one of the guests, he was promptly booed by the thousand faithful in the room; and got an even bigger boogie when Chairman Tom Giblin introduced members of the Democratic county committee, including the Assemblyman in the group.

Clearly, those present are not happy with the South Ward leader's choice of Haytaian over Lautenberg. Some of it may also be a hangover from Senator Lipman's recent Sunday brunch, when Brown brought Haytaian to the overwhelming Democratic audience, providing an embarrassing moment for the Senator and "Friends of Wynona Lipman."

This may or may not have a direct effect on Assemblyman Brown's future if he wants to remain in elected office. But given the power of Democratic Party politics in Newark, it is doubtful if he could win future election to anything as he says a Republican (which he says he's not interested in) or an Independent.

## There is strength in numbers

by Dr. William F. Gibson

They say there is strength in numbers.

As it is to prove that axiom two prominent black media organizations—the 205 independent publishers of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and the 255 radio sta-

tions of the American Urban Radio Network have now linked arms with the national NAACP and its 2,200 chapters to be a formidable force against those who would try to destroy our 85-year old civil rights organization.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's mission to secure fair and equitable civil rights for the nation,

and economic empowerment and human rights for African Americans—has now been strengthened immeasurably. The two organizations—prompted by a recent spate of charges, innuendoes and unnamed sources in the majority media on the financial spending of the NAACP—have committed the aggregate strength of their organizations to the task of "getting the record straight."

We accept their offer with gratitude. And we commend Robert Boyle, President of NNPA, who said: "With the work of the NAACP still unfinished...the members of the NNPA believe that the missions of our leading civil rights organization and of the nation's African American newspapers are inextricably linked, and that both would be well served through closer working relationship."

The NNPA package will include increased coverage of NAACP activities; space for display ads to encourage their 10 million weekly African American readers to become NAACP members, and a commitment to do more local and national editorials on the association.

We are equally grateful to AURN for the involvement of its 255 radio

affiliates. AURN President Jerry Lopes announced plans for three half hour "State of the NAACP" nationwide addresses; a series of 30-second public service announcements—with celebrities such as Roscoe Lee Browne, Anna Horsford of the popular TV series "Amen," and the gospel singing Clark Sisters.

The nation's black newspapers have been around for over 167 years, fighting in the struggle for freedom and justice. The NAACP has only been in existence 85 years. The two however have established a tradition for working together—and now we have been united in that bond.

We applaud the courage of the NNPA and the AURN for giving the back of their hand to a "majority press" that spews negative coverage of the NAACP and insists, despite much evidence to the contrary, that most paid staff and volunteers are motivated solely by greed and self-promotion. That is not true, and never has been.

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## NOVEMBER 6

**ENGLEWOOD**—The play *Sleeping Beauty* will be performed at the John Hanna Center for the Arts from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info, call 201-567-3600.

## NOVEMBER 7

**PLAINFIELD**—The Plainfield Public Library will have their Family Youth Club from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

**BLOOMFIELD**—There will be an art exposition and auction entitled "Framing Our Children's Future" featuring the artwork of children from three Newark elementary schools from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Lents Hall, Fairleigh Dickinson University-Parkland-Madison campus. For more info, call 201-643-0686.

## NOVEMBER 9

**PATERSON**—The Patterson Free Public Library features "The Snake Man," a live snake program for children 8-12 years old at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Library Children's room. First-come first-served. Call 201-357-3002 now, space is limited.

## NOVEMBER 19

**NEWARK**—The New Jersey Institute of Technology's (NJIT) Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) presents the 2nd Annual Educational Empowerment Breakfast for Community/Religious Leaders and Concerned Parents/Guardians at the Wilson Alumni Center, Seminar Room from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more info, call 201-566-3690.

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## Leadership course openings for January

**NEWARK**—The Newark Do Something Fund (NDSF) is offering a comprehensive action oriented course for those who wish to build up Newark and also build their own leadership skills.

Included in the course is public speaking on video tape, computer training, leadership and management theory, ice breaker skills and actual community organizing. The Do Something Leadership Course is free to those who are accepted into the program but each person has to bring

## Luis Muñoz Marin middle school receives bank street college grant

**NEWARK**—Luis Muñoz Marin Middle School in Newark, in collaboration with Kean College in Union, has been selected to receive a three-year \$300,000 grant to foster an innovative university/school partnership program.

Muñoz Marin Middle School, under the direction of Assistant Executive Superintendent Cluster IV Dr. Ruben Gonzalez, is one of three schools nationwide that has been recently selected to receive the grant from the Bank Street College of Education Center for Minority Achievement (CMA). CMA is a school-based reform effort to improve the educational environment and academic achievement of middle school students. The program, which has proved successful in New York City has been expanded to include schools in Baltimore and Milwaukee, as well as Newark.

The grant which will strengthen an existing partnership between Muñoz Marin Middle School and Kean College, will seek to produce change in students' academic performance, attendance, behavior and morale through such strategies as team building, conflict resolution training, staff development workshops, parental involvement activities and mentoring.

Gil Schmerler, director of CMA, said the organization was "extremely impressed with both the commitment of the Kean College faculty to extend its urban reform work, and the principal and faculty of Luis Muñoz Marin to

seek educational change and progress.

The first phase of the Newark program began this September with the school receiving a \$10,000 check as the first installment in the three-year program. This phase will target all sixth-grade teachers at the school in planning sessions to review the teaching and learning process and identify strategies for change. Phase Two of the program is the implementation of these strategies, and Phase Three will be the evaluation and dissemination of accomplishments of the programs.

The Bank Street College CMA in New York City was established in 1986 and is based on the premise that high school is too late to address the problem of student dropout. By working with school-based teams the Center's staff are able to examine teaching, learning, and major structural issues that need reform and improvement. Staff work on-site with teachers and administrators to design collaboratively successful programs for preadolescents.

Funding for the project is provided by the Philip Morris Companies Inc. to replicate its successful reform work in New York City schools on a national scale. For more information on the Newark CMA program contact Ms. Diamond Navarro, Assistant Director, Cluster IV, 733-6998 or Dr. Ana Maria Schuhmann, Dean of the School of Education at Kean College, (908) 527-2136.

## Youth Taskforce 2nd annual youth recognition



From left, Tracey Brown, Co-Chairman, Youth at Risk; Angela Barboza; Synethia Bland; Andri Terry; Kyrona Thompson; Angela Solivan; Freeholder Walter McLeod; Gloria Solivan; Cecelia Mayers; Calvia Sykes; Keshif Evans, and Rod Spearman, Co-Chairman, Youth at Risk.

**ELIZABETH**—The E' Port Youth Taskforce, a subcommittee of the E' Port Steering Committee, held its 2nd Annual Youth Recognition Program recently, at the Elizabeth Public Library, according to Union County Freeholder Walter McLeod, who, along with his wife, Mary, presented the youngsters with a Certificate of Achievement on behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The youths also received certificates from municipal and state officials, and each recipient received a plaque denoting their achievement, and a \$50 savings bond from Summit Trust Bank, Elizabeth.

"These youngsters were selected for their skills in leadership, cultural awareness, parenting, and maintenance of school attendance and grades," said McLeod. "We'll know

about the negative side of our youngsters from the media, but this program seeks to bring attention to the positive accomplishments of youths from the Elizabethport area."

The E' Port Steering Committee is a coalition of agencies, organizations, churches and concerned individuals working together with residents to improve the quality of life in the E' Port area.

## Local students hop to help easter seals

**EAST BRUNSWICK**—Students at three Union County schools have signed up to participate in the Easter Seal Society of New Jersey (ESSNJ) Hop-N-Ing to help their neighbors with disabilities. They join over 140 New Jersey schools currently scheduled to participate.

The ESSNJ Hop-N-Ing is a fun way for pre-school to second grade students to get a hopping start on a lifetime of helping others. Students obtain pledges based on the number of hops they complete in a two-to-three minute period. ESSNJ Hop-N-Ing can be scheduled by the class at any convenient time during the school year. All participants receive a certificate of appreciation and a small gift.

Union County schools scheduled to participate in the ESSNJ Hop-N-Ing are: Giving Nest Preschool (North Plainfield, N.J.), Discovery Child Care (Union, N.J.) and the YMCA Child Care Center (Union, N.J.). All proceeds from Hop-N-Ing benefit ESSNJ, the state's foremost provider of services to people with disabilities. Each day, ESSNJ provides nearly 3,000 New Jersey residents with supportive and specialized services in counseling, education, employment, housing, recreation and transportation. From each dollar received by the Society, 94 cents is allocated to provide direct client services.

To sign up your school for the ESSNJ Hop-N-Ing, please call 1-800-468-0027.

## Girl Scout cookie sale begins November 19

**WESTFIELD**—Girl Scouts from Washington Rock Girl Scout Council will be participating in their annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale from November 19 through December 5. This year's theme for the sale is "A Little Creativity Makes a World of Difference," according to Catherine Davis, Director of Product Sales for Washington Rock.

All of the proceeds from the Cookie Sale remain in the com-

munity to benefit girls locally. The council's volunteer board of directors makes all decisions about how cookie sale funds are spent. Including the amount earned by troops. Troops add cookie proceeds to their treasuries for discretionary expenditures such as trips, community service projects and other special activities.

To find out how to order cookies, call the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Service Center at 908-232-3366.

## Coca Cola: Paint the Town Red contest

**NEW YORK**—Coca-Cola announced the launch of the second annual Paint the Town Red art contest. The contest is designed to promote the theme of "Living in Harmony" while incorporating Coca-Cola in the lives of high school students. The contest reaches over 530 high schools in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$5,000 US Savings Bond. The winning artwork will be replicated on

a New York City mural. Paint the Town Red art contest applications can be obtained through the art department of participating local high schools, participating retail outlets or by calling the Paint the Town Red Hot Line 212-867-5185.

The contest is open to all high school students ages 14-20. Entries must be received by December 31, 1994. Winners will be selected by January 31, 1995.

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**NEWARK**—Free confidential AIDS counseling and testing, Mon.-Fri. 9-5 p.m. Sat. 9-4 p.m. Newark Community Health Centers, Call (201) 595-0353 for appointment, or Plainfield Health Center at 908-753-6401.

**ELIZABETH**—The Elizabeth Center for Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey is offering a low-cost cancer screening for women over 40 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month. They provide pap test, cervical and breast exam and blood pressure check. Appointments only, call 908-351-5384.

**CRANFORD**—The Domestic Violence Center's Choices, a support group for battered women, meets one evening a week and has been in existence since 1984. There are also support groups for men, Alternatives, and children, Coping. For more info call 908-272-0304.

**IRVINGTON**—Irvington General Hospital offers free STD treatment on Thursdays. If you think you or your partner may be infected call 201-399-6124 for an immediate appointment.

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## Religious Calendar

### NOVEMBER 11

**CRANFORD**—Faith Tabernacle Church honors Bishop Herbert L. Bright on his 19th anniversary with a banquet at The Coachman Inn at 7 p.m. For more info call 201-752-7570 or 201-476-4287.

### NOVEMBER 12

**PLAINFIELD**—Crescent Concerts will present an interesting program of choral and instrumental contrast at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-757-8905.

### NOVEMBER 13

**WATCHUNG**—Dr. Frieda Gardner, Professor of Christian Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, will address a group of young parents at the Crescent Avenue Baptist Church at 9:15 a.m. She will also assist the worship service which begins at 10:30 a.m.

**PLAINFIELD**—The Newly Formed Farewell Baptist Church invites "seniors" to fellowship with us at 4 p.m. The guest preacher will be Rev. Charlie H. Brown, Pastor Emeritus of The First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset. For more info call 908-668-1152 or 908-561-5999.

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## Board of Ed. member praises Sankofa

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**NEWARK**—Newark School Board Member D. Kim Thompson Gaddy has made a plea to producer Haile Gerima to make a copy of his film *Sankofa*, which is now playing at the Sony/Loews Theater in Newark to be available to the school district.

Board Member Gaddy said the copy would allow the Board to make the film available to an estimated 12,000 high school students who would be able to view it in a classroom setting where they could discuss it as an important part of history.

Citing the struggle with low self-esteem that many young people face, Gaddy said, "Because our young people don't understand who they are, they constantly fall prey to drugs, alcoholism and crime."

She noted that it's difficult for young people to build sound characters and ensure their future because they lack an understanding of what makes life challenging and rewarding.

ing.

"Our young men and women do not understand the importance of a belief system. We must show them through vehicles like *Sankofa* that they have a link with a rich past that included skilled individuals who were intelligent, creative and resourceful."

Gaddy said she believes *Sankofa* will stimulate ideas and encourage students to learn more about their history, thus inspiring them to become productive citizens.

"I encourage every teacher and student to see this film. In addition, I encourage our school administrators to integrate films like *Sankofa* into the school district's curriculum."

The board member said the Board will take approximately 2,000 high school students, selected by their counselors to see the film. She said she hopes the producer will make a copy available to the district so the remaining high school students can see the film.

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The signs are available by send-

ing a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to Signs, New Jersey GASP, 105 Mountain Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. New Jersey GASP is a nonprofit, educational organization working to secure smoke-free air for nonsmokers and to encourage tobacco-free lives for children.

## Nationwide job search information available at library

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The Paterson Free Public Library recently subscribed to a

service that compiles the "help wanted" ads from 64 cities which is published weekly on microfilm and is made available to the Main Library. The ads support full-time, white and blue collar, experienced and entry-level positions.

The cities ranging from Bir-

mingham, Alabama to Milwaukee, Wisconsin were selected for their high rating in overall desirable living conditions and expected job growth.

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**HARLEM**—The Schomburg Center presents a Franklin D. Roosevelt Creative Arts Center Reading of *The Ninth Wave*. For more info, call 212-491-2265.

**NOVEMBER 16 & 19**

**ATLANTIC CITY**—Smiley Robinson will perform two shows at Billy's Grand Casino. Friday's shows will be at 8 and 10 p.m. and Saturday's shows will be at 8 and 11 p.m. For tickets call 1-800-730-1420.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**HARLEM**—The Schomburg Center presents Ask Your Mom: Twelve Models for Jazz by Langston Hughes a poetry performance. For more info, call 212-491-2265.

**WESTBURY**—Russell Simon's DEF Comedy Jam and one show only at 8 p.m. For ticket info call 212-334-0000.

**NOW THRU NOVEMBER 20**

**MANHATTAN**—Woodie King Jr., Producing Director presents "Rassie Speaks" by Chita Clark at the New Federal Theatre. The performances are at various times. For more info, call 212-273-4200.

**NOW THRU NOVEMBER 21**

**HAMPTON**—Norman Barash & Carroll Moore's comedy "Send Me No Flowers" will open at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theatre. For more info, call 1-800-HHD-7313.

**NOW THRU DECEMBER 7**

**MAHWAH**—There will be an Haitian Art Exhibit at Ramapo College Art Gallery. Credit of the George Foster Library Monday thru Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more info, call 201-529-7502.

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## East Orange Public Library presents Anything Goes

**EAST ORANGE**—The East Orange public Library presents *Anything Goes*. An Afternoon of Musical splendor featuring the Men of Grace Richard Blanksten, James Gainer, Aldoopho Griffith and Chris Preston. The concert will be held at the East Orange Library, Room 215, Arlington Avenue on Sunday, November 13 at 2 P.M.

The artists, former members of the New York City All City Chorus, under the direction of John L. Motley, have performed professionally throughout the United States and Europe.

Their repertoire will include selections from Broadway musicals and by George Gershwin, Wm. A. Flonsey, Hall Johnson, Bizet, Leon Lumpkins and some arrangements by the Artists. Currently they are members and soloists at the Grace Congregational church of Harlem.

The accompanist is Gwen Bynum. Director of Music at the Union Baptist Church and teacher at the Harlem School of the Arts.



Pictured from L-R, James Gainer, Richard Blanksten, Chris Preston and Aldoopho Griffith

## AHN premieres Robert Townsend's Hollywood Shuffle

**NEW YORK**—The African Heritage Movie Network (AHN), hosted by Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, presents the broadcast premier of Robert Townsend's *Hollywood Shuffle* as the November "Movie of the Month." *Hollywood Shuffle* airs on WABC, 11/19/94, 11:30 p.m.

*Hollywood Shuffle* is definitely a surprise comedy hit and a very important film," said Frank Mercado-Valdes, Founder and president of AHN.

"Along with Spike Lee, Robert Townsend has helped establish a new era in black filmmaking," he added. *Hollywood Shuffle* is a hilarious look at how hard it is for a black actor to find work in Hollywood. It stars Bobby Taylor (Robert Townsend), a frustrated actor, employed at a local inner city hot dog stand called Winky Dinky Dog. Bobby is having a hard time because the NAACP president (Paul Mooney) thinks he is too black; the movie producer (Lisa Mende) thinks he's not black enough, his friend (Keenen Ivory Wayans) thinks he's



Robert Townsend

too proud; and his grandmother (Helen Martin) thinks he's not proud enough. So, Bobby must do the *Hollywood Shuffle*, a political and social game black actors have to play in order to become successful in Hollywood.

Other cast members include: Anne-Marie Johnson, John Witherspoon, Brad Sanders, Roy Fegan, Jesse Wilson, and Starletta Dupois.

## Newark Library receives federal grant

**NEWARK**—The Newark Public Library has received a \$550,000 grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

There were 1,088 nationwide applications in consideration to receive an NTIA grant; ninety-two were awarded. The \$550,000 amount was larger than that received by any other public library. It was one of the two grants awarded in the State of New Jersey—the Newark Board of Education received the other.

"This grant will enable the purchase and installation of advanced telecommunications equipment and software," stated Dr. Alex Boyd, Library Director. "It provides for the interconnection of residents, government agencies, institutions, and businesses through the use of modems." The installation of the system hardware is already in the development stage. The system will be up and running within six months.

## The Santa Clause

America's #1 television star Tim Allen is Scott Calvin, a divorced father whose strained relationship with his son Charlie (Eric Lloyd) begins to mend only after a bizarre twist of fate transforms him into the new Santa. When the current Mr. Claus falls off the roof on Christmas Eve, Scott dons Santa's suit. And before you can say Kris Kringle, Scott and his son Charlie are whisked off to the North Pole. There he meets Bernard (David Krumholtz) the head elf, who tells him about the clause, a contract stating that whoever puts on the Santa suit must also take on all the responsibilities that go with the position.

Scott isn't too thrilled about his sudden career change. Charlie, however, is overjoyed.

Over the next 12 months Scott gains an enormous amount of weight and sprouts a full white beard. Though he fights the inevitable, when Christmas Eve arrives Scott and Charlie, eight reindeer and the elf SWAT team strive to make believers of all of us, and in the events that follow, it becomes clear that Scott indeed is the real Santa!



Tim Allen (L) and Paige Tamada (R) star in *The Santa Clause*



Phyllis Hyman (L) and Tim Allen (R) star in *The Santa Clause*

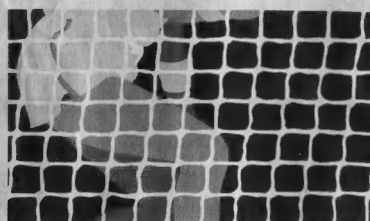
## Phyllis Hyman at Club Bené



**SAYREVILLE**—Singer, songstress, DIVA, Phyllis Hyman will be appearing in concert at the Club Bené Dinner Theatre, located on Rt. 35 in Sayreville, on Friday, November 11, for one night only. For further information or to reserve call Club Bené at (908) 727-3000.

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TRENTON—Government Contracts, Goods and Services and How to Get Them. "Printing" Sponsored by the Division of Development for Small Businesses and Women and Minority Business. NJ Department of Commerce & Economic Development. For info call 609-292-3860.

JERSEY CITY—Hamilton V. Bower, president and founder of Evanbow Construction Company, Inc. in East Orange, will speak at Jersey City State College on "Defying Odds and Expanding Opportunities: Another Look At Affirmative Action" at 6:30 p.m. in room 311 of the Michael Gilligan Student Union Building. For more info call 201-200-3426.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Executive Briefing on "Software Industry Outlook and Best Practices" sponsored by Price Waterhouse LLP and Software Publishers Association from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency. Also, in Morristown from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Headquarters Plaza Hotel. For more info call 616-753-1157.

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by Charles J. Gibens

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# Community leaders protest PSE&G rate hike request

PATERSON—Flooding the area with leaflets and chanting "Stop the Rate Hike!" representatives of New Jersey Citizen Action and community leaders demonstrated against PSE&G's \$154 million rate hike request, which would mean an extra \$60 a year added onto consumers' gas and electric bills.

Displaying a banner reading "Not a Penny More, protestors said the company should not be allowed to raise rates while posting record earnings."

"We cannot allow PSE&G to continue raising rates on its customers while bringing in record high earnings," said Stacey Peterson, of Citizen Action. "They made over \$600 million last year alone, and have \$1.36 billion in retained earnings. It is very irresponsible for PSE&G to request this rate hike."

Participants gathered at the PSE&G payment center in Paterson to share information about the campaign and hand out leaflets.

"That's why we're here today with these community leaders," Peterson said. "We're taking this campaign to the rate payers, the very people who will be affected by this rate increase. We are here in Paterson today, and we will be at payment centers all over the state, handing out flyers and having people sign petitions."

"We are knocking on doors with our field canvass and calling people through our phone canvass, continuing to push until this rate hike is denied," she said. "People cannot be expected to pay higher rates when PSE&G's profits are going through the roof."

Many community leaders said

that members of their organizations could face financial hardship if this rate hike is approved.

"Our community has enough financial pressures and burdens as it is," said Melynn Murphy of the Paterson Coalition for Housing. "PSE&G offers a necessary resource and this increase will hurt people who are part of a city's community that is already heavily burdened."

Alim Abdul Muhammad, a small business owner, called on the utility company to be more responsible in their operation and look towards energy alternatives like solar and wind.

"Instead of just raising rates, PSE&G should be more responsible to consumers' needs by looking into other sources of energy. In the long run, other energy sources are more affordable for people and more efficient than rate hikes."

## Unique Accessories celebrates first anniversary



Some of the many merchandise which adorn the shelves and are available to customers of Unique Accessories.

### Applications available for funding of community organizations

ELIZABETH—The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation, invites community arts organizations and other nonprofit organizations that present cultural programming to apply for funding from the Union County Arts Grant Program.

Activities taking place between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995 are eligible for consideration. A grant

writing workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 15, at 7 p.m. in the Elizabeth Public Library.

Please call the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, at 908-558-2550, to register. TT users call 1-800-852-7899.

The deadline for proposals is Friday, January 27, 1995. Application may be obtained by calling at 908-558-2550; TT #1-800-852-7899.

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A pre-submission briefing will be held at 2:00 PM, Monday, November 21, 1994, at the Newark Gateway Hilton Hotel, Ballroom, Newark, New Jersey. All interested parties are urged to attend and are requested to confirm their attendance by writing to Mrs. Mary A. Gobeile at the address shown in "Submission and Evaluation Requirements."

All Firms are encouraged to submit Statements of Qualifications which propose a project team capable of providing the design services necessary for this Project.

## SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

Proposed staffing, completion of prior similar projects, time and staff commitment to the Project, key personnel's professional registrations for the State of New Jersey, project management capability, and compliance with submission request will be critical elements in the short listing and final selection.

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Acronyms: E.O. = Executive Order; E.O. 12812 = the E.O. 12812 Implementation Committee.

Letters of interest must be submitted no later than 6:00 P.M. (EST) Tuesday, December 1, 1998.

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Following review of submitted Expressions of Interest, PB will request proposals from the most qualified firms/teams. Proposals will not be solicited from firms or teams that have not responded to the Request for Expression of Interest. The short-listing process is expected to take approximately two to four weeks from the receipt of the responses. All respondents will be notified at the completion of the process regarding their status.

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ROOF REPLACEMENT AT PROJECT NJ2-15  
STELLA WRIGHT WINDSOR HOMES

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK** will receive sealed bids for **ROOF REPLACEMENT AT PROJECT NJ2-15, STELLA WINDSOR WRIGHT HOMES** on Thursday, December 15, 1994 at 10:30 a.m. at 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference and Project Walk Through will be held for all bidders at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 1994 at 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103. Proposed forms of contract documents including specifications are on file and available.

From the Authority's Contracts Division, 1st floor. Please contact Mr. Jose M. Martinez, Contracting Officer, at (201) 43-2356 for information on how to obtain these documents. Invitation #B0536-1

An non-refundable fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) payable by certified check or money order payable to the **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK** is required for each set of bidding documents. For unsuccessful bidders, the deposit shall be refunded upon the return of such set(s) within thirty (30) calendar days from the bid opening. Bids shall be submitted as and to the following address:

**BID #B0536-1, ROOF REPLACEMENT AT PROJECT NJ2-15 STELLA WINDSON**

**BID GUARANTY:**

Each bidder shall be required to submit with his/her bid a certified check or bond payable to the **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, U. S. Government Bonds**

par value or satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid. Bid Bond must be accompanied by consent of surety.

**PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND:**

The successful bidder shall also be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory performance and payment bond in the full amount of the bid. The surety company for all bonds must be a guaranty or surety company acceptable to the U. S. Department of

U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570 list companies approved to act as surety on bonds securing government contracts, the maximum underwriting limits on each contract bonded, and the states in which each company is licensed to conduct business.

Bidders shall comply with the requirements of P. L. 1975, c. 127, Affirmative Action Requirements.

The **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK** reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding process and award a contract to the lowest-responsible bidder in the **AUTHORITY's** best interest. The **AUTHORITY** also reserves the right not to open any bid(s) if one or more of the following is received by the date

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the written consent of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

NEWARK. For further information, please contact Tony Manley, Department of Modernization, at (201) 430-2445.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK  
HAROLD LUCAS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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## Sharpton addresses poor leadership

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"In the past, we had people like Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Mandela and the freedom movement, and Jesse Jackson on the covers of magazines defining our race," Sharpton said. "Today, Snoop Doggy Dog, is on the covers."

"For Snoop Dog to be a symbol of this generation is disgraceful," he said. "To say that all we did was curse, drink and degrade our

women is not the follow up to all the progress that preceded us."

Sharpton said this is the result of African Americans losing touch with their base and "the people who were able to get positions as the result of the movement were not the ones in the movement."

He urged leaders to come down from their offices and listen to the

needs of the community and that they should represent the community's interest.

"You may never be county leader, but if you go into the housing projects, God will be watching," the reverend preached.

To the community, Sharpton said, "We must make our elected officials accountable." He added that they need to be reminded where they came from and who elected them.

He told the small congregation that African Americans need to get specific with their needs and demand that they are met. He said other ethnic groups such as the Jews have always kept their interests in mind and "there is nothing wrong with that. They have the right to demand." He added that African Americans need to follow their example. "If you come to the table and you got nothing, it is because you didn't ask for anything."

The conference was an outgrowth of community meetings held this summer to address voter disenfranchisement and black leadership. Four workshops were held in the area of religion, social economic development, education and politics.

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The mayor also said that neither he nor the police will surrender to lawless individuals. "We will not surrender and we will not allow any neighborhood, streets or other facilities [to surrender either]," he said.

Police Director Celester said they did not move in to incite a riot or to make massive arrest. "Our goal was to take back that block and get the main drug dealers, the main people that were doing it," he said.

Celester showed council members an eight minutes surveillance tape taken from the area which included cars doing "doughnuts," and an individual counting hundred dollar bills after an alleged drug sale.

According to Celester, most of the cars were not registered in Newark and 66 percent of those who were searched and arrested were not from the area. They found cars from as far as Salem, a small town in Southern New Jersey. An East Orange fire fighter was videotaped making doughnuts in the middle of the street.

Councilwoman-at-Large Mildred Crump commended the police and encouraged the young city activist to send a clear message that illegal activities would not be tolerated.

"I applaud you. I will support you. I have no problem with what you did. It needed to be done," Crump said to the police, adding that leaders must set an example to the youth. "If you don't want to be part of the problem become part of the solution," she said.

Other council members shared Crump's views. Councilman George Branch of the Central Ward added that parents must regain control of their children. He said without parental supervision "our children will be lost."

Baraka was unavailable for comments on the meeting. However, De

Lacy D. Davis, president of Black Cups Against Police Brutality, who also supported the recent youth rally on the steps of City Hall following the raid, said he was in favor of removing guns and drugs from the community but he questioned "the use of dogs and helicopters swooping down on our youth."

"The real issue is what does using that type of force do to the community," Davis said. "We do not advocate anyone selling drugs or stealing cars. We don't support that. Our position is that there are other measures that could have been implemented. While this incident did not escalate, it could have been a major catastrophe," he added.

The officer stressed finding recreational activities for the youth as a solution to the problem. "They have no place to recreate."

## Strength in numbers (Continued from page 4)

expenditures, both by myself and other senior Board officials, I have called for a full audit of the Association's finances over the past five years. I decided to take this unusual, expensive and drastic step to both remove the taint of suspicion from my own name, and that of the organization. It will be conducted by a prestigious and nationally known outside firm—and once it is made public, finally remove any hint of a "cover-up."

I was very proud the weekend the NAACP National Board met. They brought with them checks totaling over \$200,000, collected from businesses and branches in their regions—and from their personal funds. I am also pleased that most of them voluntarily paid their own travel and lodging expenses—saving the

Association over \$60,000. In addition, we were presented with a check in the amount of \$37,000, representing the proceeds from our first NAACP Jobs Fair held at our annual convention in Chicago. There was also a commitment from the National AFL-CIO of \$250,000. Now it appears that the Ford Foundation grant, that many of you had been reading or hearing about—will be coming in within the next week, or soon thereafter.

These are generous contributions, and they reflect the commitment of the NNPA, the AURN, the AFL-CIO, the NAACP Board members, and others. They also reaffirm their faith in my leadership as Chairman, and the mission of the NAACP.

Dr. Gibson is chairman of the NAACP.



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